

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN
ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF NATURAL
GAS OPTIONAL OFF PEAK FIRM SERVICE RIDER**

) **ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**
) **REVISIONS**
)
) **NG99-006**

On September 20, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) proposing to include an Optional-Off Peak Firm Service Rider to the Small Volume Interruptible and Large Volume Interruptible gas tariffs. MidAmerican is proposing the surcharge rider on the interruptible tariffs to accommodate the seasonal customer currently on these rates. MidAmerican requested that the tariffs become effective October 20, 1999. On October 13, 1999, Commission Staff sent a data request which MidAmerican responded to on a timely basis. The revised tariffs are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. I Third Revised Sheet No. 1
South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. III Second Revised Sheet No. 1
South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. III Forty-eighth Revised Sheet No. 3
South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. III Second Revised Sheet No. 14
South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. III Second Revised Sheet No. 16
South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. III Second Revised Sheet Nos. 17-20
South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. V Second Revised Sheet No. 29

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 1, 1999, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval with the following conditions:

1. MidAmerican will submit a report to the Commission by February 1, of each year, in the same format as that referenced in Docket TF-99-269 before the Iowa Utilities Board, except that it will reflect South Dakota jurisdictional operations.
2. The Gas Daily's Capacity Release Price Survey October/November average used to compute the surcharge shall be applied to all usage during the months of April through November, and billed on an annual basis.
3. Language shall be added to MidAmerican's tariff stating that all revenues collected through this rider shall be credited to all other firm customers.
4. Effective date shall be November 1, 1999.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A- 4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-25. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions and to adopt Staff's above-referenced recommendations. The Commission further finds that the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that the above mentioned proposed tariffs are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after November 1, 1999, subject to the conditions listed above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of November, 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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